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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ABHIJIT PRASAD,

Plaintiff,

v.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES,

GAIL SIMMONS, GUADALUPE

ACEZES, and DOES 1-20,

Defendants.

) CASE NO.: 5:15-cv-04933-BLF

) PLAINTIFF'S

) ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION

) TO FILE UNDER SEAL

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) Honorable Beth Labson Freeman

) COURTROOM: 3

) Date: February 7, 2019

) Time: 9:00 AM

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Pursuant to Civil Local Rules 79-5 and 7-11, the Amended Stipulated Protective Order entered by the Court on November 29, 2016 (ECF 70), and this Court's Order entered on January 23, 2019 (ECF 120), Plaintiff Abhijit Prasad hereby moves for an order to file under seal confidential exhibits received from Santa Clara County Department of Social Services to his Motion for Summary Judgment and to his Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment.

Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 79-5(e), Plaintiff hereby notifies the Court that he has conditionally filed under seal the below-named documents which have been designated Confidential.

The exhibits that Plaintiff is filing concurrently are under protective orders from the Dependency Court and this Court (see Exhibits 16 through 19 to Declaration of Diane B. Weissburg), and thus Plaintiff is requesting that an order be granted allowing the confidential portions of the exhibits to be filed under seal.

Specifically, Plaintiff will seek an order to seal the following exhibits:

- 1) Confidential portions of Exhibit 5D –Child Abuse Central Index records of Plaintiff;
- 2) Confidential portions of Exhibit 5F –Suspected Child Abuse Report;
- 3) Exhibit 5G in entirety – CWS/CMS screenshot of Plaintiff;
- 4) Confidential portions of Exhibit 10A – California DOJ response to subpoena;
- 5) Exhibit 10B in entirety- Child Abuse or Severe Neglect Indexing Form for Plaintiff;
- 6) Exhibit 10C in entirety – Child Abuse Central Index Self Inquiry Request for Plaintiff.

Exhibit 5 was originally filed as an entirely redacted document to ECF 101-2 (Exhibits to the Declaration of Diane B. Weissburg in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment) and ECF 107-2 (Exhibits to the Declaration of Diane B. Weissburg in Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment). Exhibit 10 was originally filed as an entirely redacted document to ECF 101-2 (Exhibits to the Declaration of Diane B. Weissburg in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment), ECF 102-1 (Plaintiff's Request for Judicial Notice), ECF 107-2 (Exhibits to the Declaration of Diane B. Weissburg in Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment), and ECF 108-1 (Plaintiff's Request for Judicial Notice). Plaintiff is requesting that, pursuant to the

1 Court's order, the redacted Exhibits 5 and 10 submitted with this filing be
2 substituted for Exhibits 5 and 10 in ECF 101-2, ECF 102-1, ECF 107-2, and ECF
3 108-1.

4 Generally, a party seeking to seal judicial records bears the burden to
5 demonstrate "compelling reasons" to deny the public access to public records.
6 *Kamakana v. City & County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006).
7 "This standard derives from the common law right to inspect and copy public
8 records and documents, including judicial records and documents." *Pintos v.*
9 *Pacific Creditors Ass'n*, 565 F.3d 1106, 1115 (9th Cir.2009) ("compelling reasons"
10 standard applies to seal a credit report attached to a summary judgment motion).
11 The "compelling reasons" must be "supported by specific factual findings ... [that]
12 outweigh the general history of access and the public policies favoring disclosure."
13 *Id.*

14 However, a party must only demonstrate "good cause" to seal documents
15 where either: (1) the documents are "private materials unearthed during discovery;"
16 or (2) the documents are previously sealed discovery documents that are attached
17 to nondispositive motions. *Id.* In *Phillips ex rel. Estates of Byrd v. Gen. Motors*
18 *Corp.*, 307 F.3d 1206, 1213 (9th Cir.2002), the Court applied the lower, "good
19 cause" standard to "materials filed with the court under seal pursuant to a valid
20 protective order" because the court had already engaged in a "good cause" analysis
21 to seal the documents and "much of the information that surfaces during pretrial
22 discovery may be unrelated, or only tangentially related, to the underlying cause of
23 action."

24 In this matter, the dependency court orders for release of and use of these
25 records require that they be filed under seal in any civil proceeding; and each
26 unredacted excerpt and/or document that is requested to be placed under seal has a
27 minor or minors' name and personally identifying information on such documents,
28 and/or Plaintiff's date of birth, Social Security number, and driver's license

1 number. Additionally, there are documents which have information about minors'
2 health and developmental progress, as well as other personally private information.

3 Exhibits 5F, 10A, and 10B all contain the names of the minors. Exhibits 5D,
4 5G, 10A, 10B, and 10C all contain Plaintiff's date of birth, social security number,
5 and/or driver's license number.

6 Plaintiff is not aware of any need for public access to these documents which
7 include minors' personal information. Plaintiff believes that any right to public
8 access to these documents is outweighed by the minors' private interests. Plaintiff
9 respectfully requests that the Court find that there is compelling reason to allow the
10 requested pages of the unredacted documents to be filed under seal, grant
11 Plaintiff's Motion, and issue an order to substitute the applicable pages of ECF
12 101-2, 102-1, 107-2, and 108-1 with the redacted version of Exhibits 5 and 10
13 submitted concurrently.

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15 Dated: January 28, 2019

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Attorney for Plaintiff

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on January 28, 2019, a copy of PLAINTIFF'S ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL; DECLARATION OF DIANE B. WEISSBURG, ESQ. IN SUPPORT; REDACTED VERSION OF DOCUMENTS SOUGHT TO BE SEALED; AND [PROPOSED] ORDER TO MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL was served by e-mail on the following attorney in charge for Defendants Santa Clara County Department of Social Services, et al:

Stephen H. Schmid
Office of the County Counsel
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I certify that on January 28, 2019, a copy of **PLAINTIFFS' UNREDACTED DOCUMENTS SOUGHT TO BE SEALED** was served by US mail on the following attorney in charge for Defendants Santa Clara County Department of Social Services, et al:

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Dated: 1/28/19

Diane B. Weissburg

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